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bad bill was advanced to the floor. As a favor to a colleague, a bad bill was advanced to Select File. Well, since I am the oldest serving inmate here, I'm going to assume the responsibility to protect the statutes and I'm not going to let this that we have before us join the statutes of this state, and I'm going to do everything I can to stop that from happening. Other than Senator Bruning's amendment that I'm reading from with all of its problems...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...nobody else is offering amendments.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Crosby announces that the following guests are visiting the Legislature. There are 90 fifth graders here from Calvert Elementary in Lincoln with their teachers. (Introduces teachers.) They are all seated in the north balcony. Will you stand and be recognized, please. Welcome to the Legislature. Senator Abboud to speak to the bracket motion.

SENATOR ABOUD: Madam President, members, I rise in opposition to the bracket motion. I do feel that this is a good piece of legislation and I think that it will pay benefits to the state of Nebraska. The debate has been an interesting debate. I don't think anyone should and I don't think anybody was voting to advance the bill over from General File to Select File as a favor to Senator Bruning. I think that it was really an attempt to continue to continue the debate on this issue, and the debate has been similar to a debate that occurred a number of years ago when we were talking about a volunteer army. And one of the great inducements of a volunteer armed forces has been the educational opportunities that a young student can receive as a result of being a part of the armed services. The GI Bill program, started after World War II, has been an incredible success story and I think the volunteer Army has been a... and Air Force and Navy have been a show of success for this country and they've all been based on the theory that it may not be the right time for an individual to go to college, but if they're given the opportunity through reduced tuition or grants or loans, that these individuals will attend higher education. We also have a program with the National Guard that has been